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## France And Colonies Edition

### Parliament's 50 Years Recognized

Finland will be counted among those Scandinavian nations which will have the release of a stamp in the month of May. The Finnish contribution will consist of a 30 markkas green to note the 50th anniversary of the first plenum of the country's single-chamber parliament.



The day of issue will be May 23.

Designer Olavi Vepsalainen adapted the artwork from the central figure of the Parliament's seal which has artist Walter Runeberg's sculpture called "Lex". It is to be found on the base of the statue of Alexander II.

R. Achren was the engraver. Production will amount to two million copies.

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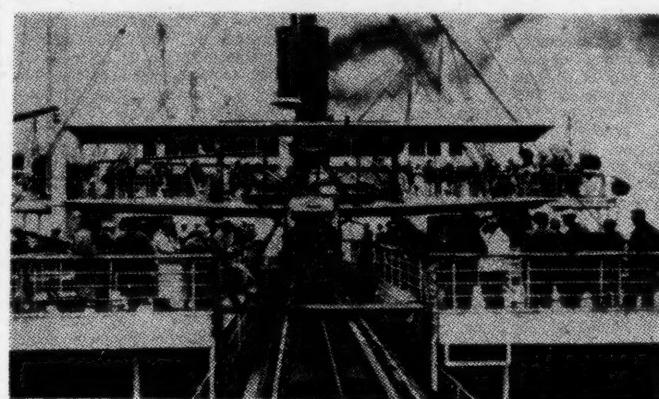
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The first seaplane about to be launched from the catapult on the Ile de France on August 13, 1928. (Photo, The French Line).

### The "Ile de France" Ship To Shore Airmail Service Was Experiment In Speeding Mails

Frederic Mulhenheim

Today it is quite commonplace to send a letter to any part of the world by airmail, and to get an answer within a few days. But thirty years ago it was not thus. Normally, for example, it took 10 to 12 days for a letter to travel from New York to Paris; and if reply was made promptly, it still took three weeks in all to get that answer.

From earliest days, hastening the mail has been a prime aim of every postal administration. This is why, in August 1928, the old French Line, the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, in cooperation with the French postal service inaugurated the first postal air service between France and the United States. This was typical of the progress and enterprise which always characterized this company.

The superliner Ile de France was provided with a catapult and launching runway. A seaplane of the small size then usual was to be catapulted from the ship 24 hours before arrival at the terminal port, whether New York or Le Havre, carrying mail and thus

gaining a full day on its arrival. Lieutenant Louis Demougeot of the French Navy was chosen as the pilot.



The 1.50fr Pasteur stamp surcharged 10fr for the Ile de France air mail service.

In place of the ordinary international letter rate, a charge of 10 francs, then equaling 20¢, was made for each letter carried. The then current 10 franc stamp, the Merson Type in red and green, (Continued on page 13)

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Stephen G. Rich

Only a few weeks before Pearl Harbor, in the early autumn of 1941, Dr. Charles Vaurie and Raoul Lesgor, both interested in the philately of France and the French Colonies, decided that a society cultivating this field might well render real service to other interested stamp people. They approached Harry L. Lindquist, who not merely seconded the idea fully, but offered to give publicity to an organization meeting to be held in his office. Brainerd Kremer, Jacques Musy, F. M. Colombain and others, including the present writer, were among those who attended that meeting.

The Group was launched, with meetings once a month. From the start, emphasis was put on understanding of the stamps and their postal history, with trading, buying and selling kept in the background. In fact, early in the development of the Group actual selling of stamps during a meeting was voted not to be allowed.

of 92 numbers, six a year, have been produced.

The content in each has been roughly equivalent in volume to two full pages of text in Linn's, except when a double number has been produced. In the last three years there have been at least two double numbers in every annual volume.

Both Dr. Vaurie and I have endeavored to make the material published serve the needs and desires of the membership. Thus, in the early days, Dr. Vaurie's magnificent "Know Your Counterfeits" serial provided safeguards against the then too plentiful imitations of many colonial stamps. At member's request, Robert G. Stone has lately kept us fully informed about the literature on stamps of France and the Colonies.

Discoveries such as that of two wholly different centers in the Senegal Native Market issue by our member Daniel H. Roberts, have often been front-page pictorial features.

There is only one way to get this journal: that is to become a member of the Group. We do not have any non-member subscriptions nor do we carry any advertising save members' want ads.

The France & Colonies Group caters quite as much to collectors of the various Colonies and overseas portions of the French Union as to those who prefer metropolitan France's stamps. In 1957 our emphasis is more on the 20th Century issues of France than on any other portion of this philatelic field. This fact is caused by the pioneer work a number of members are doing in this area.

Besides contributing to our journal Group members have an enviable record of published articles in other magazines dealing with our field. Member Charles Neidorf, working on French Morocco's Hassan Tower lithographed issue, in fact took the Collectors Club Philatelist award one year with his (Continued on page 11)



The Group was fortunate in being nation-wide from the start, with a sufficient core of members in and near New York to enable meetings to take place regularly. Equally fortunate was the presence in that city of the famous deep student of French stamps, Gerard Gilbert. He was the grand guide, informant and counsellor to us in those starting days and until his untimely death in May 1943.

Dr. Vaurie, who was the energetic guiding spirit in the early years, established a Club Bulletin, appearing six times a year, in December 1941. This bulletin, called then as now the France & Colonies Philatelist, rapidly won its way as a special field magazine of much merit. When Dr. Vaurie passed the editorship onto the present writer in 1944 it was indeed a going concern. Under the two of us, a total

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## The Semipostals Of France

Alan R. Fernald

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In 1914, France, the fourth country to follow this pattern, issued two 10-centime stamps. These were adapted from the then current Sower type, carrying an extra 5 centime charge to benefit the Red Cross. Four years later, after a change in postal rates, a specially designed Red Cross stamp of 15 centimes denomination, was placed on sale.

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Early French semipostals.

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Rádios were brought for the blind; seamen from torpedoed ships were succored; historic and special events commemorated. The Semi-Postal had become an institution. New ideas were introduced—a yearly Red Cross issue; another for the "Day of the Stamp"; the insignia of cities and provinces; famous men of bygone centuries; notables of the Revolution; all were included in the choice of designs.

This great variety gives charm and interest to a collector of this group of adhesives—a little unknown of French history.

To collect them is no rich man's hobby. To date 302 varieties have been issued, according to Scott's 1957 catalog. Yet only 22 of these list at over a dollar. Most are priced in pennies.

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## Is It A Postmaster Provisional?

We are fortunate enough to bring something to the attention of the students of early postal history that may turn out to be a new find in this field. The item illustrated in the next column was sent to us by Mr. Harry H. Wilson of 8 Collins St., Hartford 5, Conn. Mr. Wilson submits this cover in the hope that an illustration and some mention of it may result in the finding of a similar one in the hands of someone else who may have overlooked it, or who may never have thought of the possibility that it could be a very rare and a genuine Postmaster Provisional.

It was submitted to the Philatelic Foundation in October 1956. The Foundation returned the cover to Mr. Wilson with a refusal to give an opinion on it. We submitted the cover to Mr. Stanley Ashbrook who commends the Foundation Committee for refusing to give an opinion, and as for himself he also refuses to express an opinion and suggests that an effort should be made to find a similar cover.

There is much to this piece that leads one to believe that it is possible it may be a genuine Postmaster Provisional, a forerunner of the accepted Buchanan Label stamps that were used in Baltimore and which are now recognized in the standard catalogues.

Let us take a look at the Luff Book and see what Mr. Luff has to say. This cover is an envelope, not a letter sheet. It is to be regretted that there is no letter within by which its date can be established.

However it has all of the markings of mail of this period and matches up with the customary ones on the accepted Baltimore covers of the period. In the 1937 reprint of the Luff book, on page 13, Mr. Luff says, "The postmaster of Baltimore also issued stamped envelopes. They are simple affairs, being ordinary envelopes of the period, bearing the written signature of the postmaster, or hand-stamped facsimile of it in the upper right corner; below this are the word PAID and large numeral in an oval, which latter marks were in regular use in the post office to indicate prepayment of postage." Etc.

This envelope agrees with the description given by Luff except that the complete signature is not given. There are only the initials "J. M. B." These, however, appear to be identical with the same letters in the complete signature. The cover bears, below the initials, the "Paid 5". The "P" of Paid is identical with the written Paid pictured on page 13 of the Luff book. The entire word Paid is likewise quite the same as in the Luff book. The usual oval with the figure 5, as well as the handstamped PAID, common to these covers and the usual circular Baltimore cancel is also correct. There is also a manuscript PAID with a line below it which cuts through the handstamped PAID and what appears to be a number "258" written on the cover. Also a check mark as referred to in Luff's book. The Baltimore cancel has a date of APR. 9 but without a year date as usual. The cover is addressed to Philadelphia.

There is little more that need be said but the entire piece suggests that it is entirely possible that it might be a forerunner of the printed label Baltimore Provisions.

We are happy to print this picture in the hope that a similar cover may be resting in the album of some other collector and that it may be shown or brought to light. We suggest that all collectors search their collections and see if such a duplicate cover may be in existence. We will be very glad to see anything that resembles it. Bear in mind however that the ordinary Baltimore covers of this period are quite common and unless covers bear similar J.M.B. initials or the complete name that they are not desired. Address your correspondence to the editor at Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida.

## Mr. Precancel Himself

If there is any Precancel collector or dealer in the United States that deserves the name of "Mr. Precancel" it has to be Adolf Gunesch of Chicago. Back in the early days of precancel collecting Victor W. Rotnem, who just recently passed away might have merited that name over and above any other precancel man but Mr. Rotnem chose to retire from the active field of precancel collecting and dealing and enter into other philatelic pursuits.

It was just a few years prior to this time that Mr. Gunesch entered into precancel dealing. That was back in the days when precancel collectors went wild over every different variation of handstamp on a single stamp and it was considered highly ethical to have friendly postmasters cancel them in normal and invert positions, sideways, double and in various colors of ink so that it was not unusual to be able to find a single stamp from a single town that showed from a dozen to perhaps 20 different varieties. This period was the beginning of the death knell of precancel interest for a lot of people. It was what helped more than anything else to choke the precancel catalogue to death as it multiplied the single stamp by many times and made the book so big that no one could longer afford to print it as enough customers to pay for it could not be found and since those days there has been no general complete catalog of precancels.

It was about this same time that the Bureau at Washington began experimenting with Precancels. This more than anything else helped the game and it took new life and has flourished ever since.

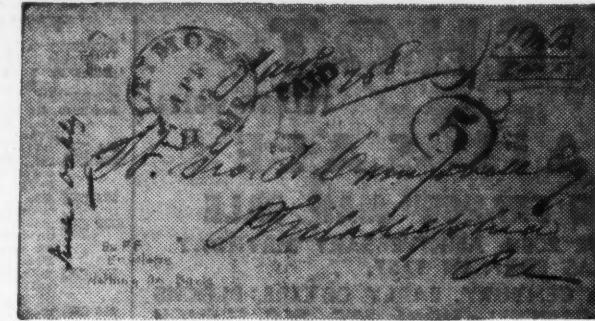
Mr. Gunesch's greatest contribution, and one that helped precancel collecting get on its feet and come forward so much as it has, was the fact that he more than any other dealer tried to put precancels on a cash basis for sale and trade. We always maintained in those days that stamps to be of interest to a collector had to sell and be exchanged for cash money. That so long as it was simply a matter of I will give you one of these for one of those it was still kid stuff and to make the hobby of collecting precancels a sound one, there had to be a cash value established. Mr. Gunesch did more to do this than any other dealer and today stands out as the leading purveyor of these stamps and is still promoting them in a manner that is a credit to the hobby.

This year he celebrates his 32nd year in the precancel game. To record this period he has issued a new edition of his U. S. Precancel Guide & Price List. To anyone who wants to know about and understand Precancels this booklet is well worth the price of \$1. It can be had from the Gunesch Precancel House, 30 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill. We are glad to recommend it.

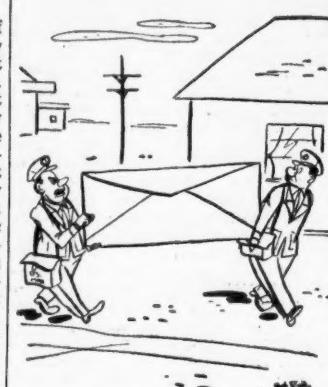
## Distinguished Guests

We were happy to have two prominent stamp dealers drop into our home here in Howey on April 7. Mr. Warren Scholl of the Mint Sheet Brokerage of Silverton, Ohio and Mr. W. P. Betts of Elsie, Mich. Mr. Betts is toying with the idea of locating in Florida permanently and was very much impressed with Howey.

After a dinner at the Floridian Country Club which happens to be just across the road from our home a pleasant evening was spent in talking about stamps and the stamp trade of years past.



## SMILEATELICS . . . Bob Ricker



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## Death Summons Catherine L. Manning

Mrs. Catherine Lemmon Manning, curator emeritus of the Smithsonian Institution's Division of Philately, died Sunday morning, April 14, at Doctor's Hospital, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Manning was 76 years of age. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 16.

Mrs. Manning served as a member of the Board of Vice Presidents of the American Philatelic Society (1935-37), and in 1949 was the recipient of the National Philatelic Museum award for outstanding services to philately. She also received a silver tray at the American Philatelic Congress session in Cleveland in 1936 for her contributions to the advancement of the hobby.

She was an honorary member of the Bureau Issues Assn.; an honorary member of the Council of the American Philatelic Congress since 1955, and second vice-president from 1953 to 1955, and served as a Trustee of the National Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia from 1948.

In 1938 she served as a member of the jury assisting the Post Office Department in selecting designs for the Presidential postage stamp series released that year. She was frequently referred to as "The First Lady of Philately," and served national and local groups whenever called upon to do so. She was an active member of the Washington Philatelic Society to her passing, and has contributed numerous articles to the philatelic press.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Estelle M. Romero and Mrs. Catherine Marie Wright; three sisters; six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

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The design of the Teacher's column due July 1, was adapted from a 1952 poster for Education Week, according to Belmont Faries, stamp editor of the Washington Sunday Star. There is a notable difference between the pictures on the stamp and the poster but the general arrangements are the same.

The poster shows the teacher and the boy and girl pupils. These are living people and at the time they posed they resided in the D.C. area; probably still do. The teacher is Miss Betty Louise Sanford, and the students are Beverly Joan Clark and George L. Spencer. Miss Sanford was from Arlington, Va., and the children from Washington.

In transferring these models to the stamp the Bureau artists changed their facial characteristics so that the policy of "no living persons on a stamp" would be held to.

Now please don't send me the information that some stamps do picture living persons. Such have been covered in this column on several occasions, and collectors who have been around for some time know about them.

Like I said last week, I think the design is a nice one. It is most expressive of the subject to be commemorated.

1. The California Gold Centennial issue of 1948 gave the name of the place where the gold was found and the man who discovered it. Name them.

2. Winthrop Sargent is shown on one of those - Famous American, Tennessee Statehood, Mississippi Territory, Four Chaplains, Oregon Territory. Which one?

On April 25 the Post Office Department placed on sale in all first class post offices rolls of 100 3c Liberty coil stamps.

These have usually come 500 and 1000 and I believe as many as 2000 (not sure on that figure). What the reason is for the rolls of 100 was not given.

Not having seen any I do not know whether they differ to any extent from the stamps in the larger coils, but I would be inclined to doubt it. In any event, it's a tip for you to do a little comparing on your own. Look at the color as well as the perforations in your inspection.

Some of you newer readers might never have heard of the excellent book which is available from the government on U.S. stamps. It is a tremendous buy for the money — the current edition only has the stamps to the end of 1955, but missing the 1956's shouldn't be much of a fault.

Its title is "Postage Stamps of the U.S., 1847-1955" Presented is a comprehensive review of all U.S. postage stamps from the first adhesive issued in 1847 to the Andrew Mellon issued in December 1955.

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Another publication available from the same place is "Yorktown and the Siege of 1781". It presents material, including illustrations, relating to Yorktown (see Yorktown commem of 1931). There are reproductions of sketches, paintings and photographs.

There are 60 pages in the brochure which sells for 25¢. Ask for Catalog No. 1 29.58:14/2.

This edition of Linn's as you can see is devoted to the stamps and related material of France and Colonies. I mention this just to suggest that I have found the modern stamp designs of that political entity among the top five in the

world. If you like well done stamp art this is your group, or one of five if you count the best five.

I have a number of French stamps — no complete or near complete collection — but those I think which are extremely pleasing to the eye. It is an idea you can play with in conjunction with your U.S. efforts.

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A reader wants to know why the Scott Catalog has no stamps assigned to Nos. 1049, and 1052 to 1059?

At the time the numbers were set aside it was supposed that the new Liberty Series would have the same denomination coils as the superceded Presidents. Therefore a spot was left for them.

It is still quite possible that there might be a need for one or more of the values which weren't incorporated. As for instance a 4c or 5c depending on whether first class postage rates are increased to either of those values. If the increase is made, then such would be the most used denomination and coils would have to be issued.

The other week I mentioned I knew of no official program for the Alexander Hamilton first day ceremonies in New York on January 11. I had been sent a copy of the Federal Hall folder with the stamp tied to it with the first day hand cancel, but that was the best which could be expected.

This week came a letter from Harry V. Swallow who disproves the program statement. There was one — a one page mimeographed sheet. He has it with the stamp and proper cancel — in fact he had two, and graciously sent me one.

And the good luck continued for in the mail arrived a souvenir program of the AAA commem ceremony in Chicago, March 4, 1952. It came from Hugh A. Donnelly of that city with whom I had talked about these items during the recent ASDA Midwest Postage Stamp Show in Chicago's LaSalle Hotel.

1. Sutter's Mill, Coloma, Calif.; James W. Marshall.  
2. The Mississippi Territory.

#### British Alter Contents Of Booklet

To meet current requirements of those who use the mails, the British Post Office is changing the make-up of one of the current stamp booklets. It was found that the inclusion of 2d stamps was desirable.

The 2/6d stamp booklet will now contain six each of the 2½d, 2d and ½d. It was formerly made up of six each of the 2½d, 1½d, ½d, and three of the 1d.

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June 24—Women's International Stamp Club.

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ers are to be made payable to the "Receiver General of Canada" and sent to the Postmaster, Ottawa 2, Ont., Canada.

Remittances for mint stamps are to be made payable to the "Receiver General of Canada" and sent directly to the Post Office Department, Philatelic Section, Financial Branch, Ottawa 4, Ont., Canada. Orders for the stamp in selected mint condition may now be sent to the Philatelic Section and the orders will be filled and the remittance.

Remittances should be made by

means of postal money order or bank draft in Canadian funds, payable to the "Receiver General of Canada". Patrons from countries other than Canada or the United States should forward remittances by means of an International Money Order. Postal Notes cannot be accepted. If cash is sent, it should be in a registered package. Postage stamps are not acceptable as a remittance.

Plate number blocks will only be supplied from the Philatelic Section of the Department with orders for these stamps in mint condition.

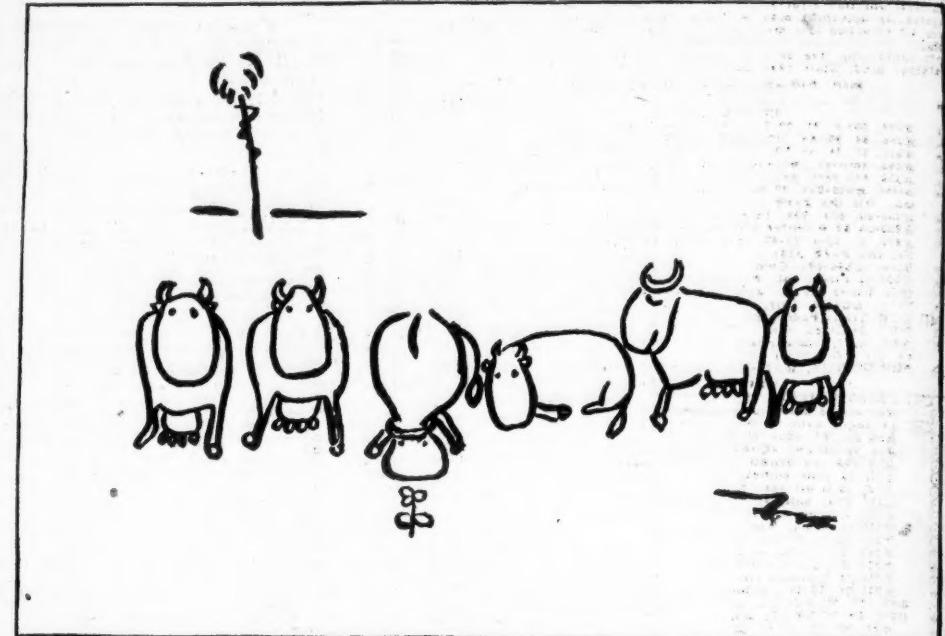
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## GROUP PORTRAIT OF SIX HOLLYWOOD COWS



### DRAWN FROM LIFE ON THE HOLLYWOOD FARM OF A. FARMER

Funny how hard some people are to convince. I took a full half-page ad in Linn's a while back for the purpose of (1) selling some stamps, and (2) spiking the rumor that I am not really A Farmer, that I just sign my ads that way to attract attention. Well, I sure sold a lot of stamps, but that's as far as it went. Outside of a milking-machine firm in Milwaukee and the local tax assessor, almost nobody took seriously my statement that I customarily milk six cows and mow three acres of hay in between filling stamp orders each day. The milking-machine people sent me some free literature and the tax assessor a formal demand for back property taxes. Everybody else thought I was spoofing. "Har! har!" a fellow in Pocatello, Idaho, wrote — "har! har!"

Well, this time I offer visual proof in the form of the above artistic representation. The drawing was made on a smoggy day, which accounts for the lack of detail and the fact that one of the cows is lying down and looks a little sick.

### . . . BUT NOW ABOUT STAMPS

The last time up, I advertised a \$10 mixture — a house-cleaning assortment of all-different sets and singles cataloguing between \$100 and \$150. The response was overwhelming. And so was the follow-up mail. One lady collector demanded her money back because I sent her only one set of the Schumann errors as a free bonus, instead of 100 sets (my ad had stated that I had but 100 sets in stock; she evidently expected them all.) The president of a Midwestern college wrote:

"That was a wonderful mixture you sent and I consider myself lucky to have received it. I got my money's worth." And an army major in Oklahoma wrote to inquire if I had any U.S. or U.N. mint to offer at 1/15th catalogue. — I do not have.

But I have something just about as good — well, just about. And before I use up all my allotted space, I'd better tell you what it is. I call it . . .

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the only ink used. The attempt was declared inadequate.

Meanwhile the deadline of April 16 was fast approaching. In desperation the officials decided to abandon the search and decree that, failing anything better, the stamp would appear with the sower outlined against a solid background—as if it were a cameo. The color was chosen by the under-secretary Berard, who decided on that of the Austrian five Kroner value of 1867. (Scott No. 29.)

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No catalogue but Lesgor's mentions it, though some books on (Continued on page 9)

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The relatively undeveloped back country was made a separate "dependency of French Guiana" on June 6, 1930 by decree of the French government. It became a part of French Guiana again by law of March 19, 1946, but is now a separate arrondissement by law of September 14, 1951.

The area of the Territory is 30,301 square miles. Within this there are more, larger areas marked unexplored on the maps than there are on the maps of all French Africa. The territory is connected with French Guiana by waterways, which are navigable only by small craft because of the many rapids. The natural resources have not been developed to any extent. Among the principal products are rosewood, other cabinet woods, and some gold.

Inini was at one time used extensively for a penal exile district. However, penal colonies in it have been discontinued and the last convicts were returned to France in 1945.

**TERRITOIRE****DE L'ININI****Territoire de l'ININI****The Inini overprints.**

Stamps were issued and in use from April 7, 1932 until May 30, 1947. These were to have been put on sale in Paris on February 13, 1932; but due to illness of the director of the Official Agency in Paris, sale did not start till April 7. The stamps, save for the 1937 Colonials Arts 3 franc souvenir sheet and the 1939 New York pair, all are French Guiana stamps overprinted. Nowadays, stamps of France find use, as French Guiana has ceased issuing its own.

Because of the small population, the high proportion of illiterates among the 5000 inhabitants, and the lack of commercial development, used stamps and especially covers are very scarce from Inini. The catalog prices do not thus do justice to the situation. As would be expected, commercial covers are especially hard to find.

The rates were, in the period of Inini's own stamps (single letter rates):

To French Guiana, 1 franc.  
To France and other colonies, 3 francs.

Air Mail to France, 10 francs.

I lack information as to rates to other than these destinations.

The only covers this writer has seen are the ones in my own collection, a little over 30 in all. Of these, five are of particular interest and merit description.

Registered letter to Acker Stamp Co., Jackson Heights, N. Y. World's Fair issue, cancelled Secteur de l'Ouest, October 7, 1939; backstamp of arrival October 27, 1939 and other backstamps.

Regular letter, 1fr rate, with 30c 1940 and 70c 1940, cancelled St. Elie, Territoire Inini, November 29, 1941, addressed to "Etablissements Symphonien Cayenne", with backstamp "Controle Postale, Guyane Francaise, Cayenne" December 3, 1941. From the Societe Nouvelle de Saint-Elie et Adieu-Vat.

Cover to Banque de France, Tunis, with rate of 3 francs made up of the 1.25fr 1933 pair, plus 50c 1932; cancelled "Secteur de l'Ouest" May 8, 1942 and backstamped "Tunis Receiving February 29." There is no year date in this, but it must be 1944, since Tunis was not accessible for a letter until that year, on account of the war. As this is not airmail, the 1944 supposition can be more reasonable.

Cover to Comptoir Franco-Marocain, Port Lyautey, Morocco, cancelled "Secteur de l'Ouest," May 8, 1942; backstamped "Received June 13," year not legible. 3fr rate made up by 2fr 1932 and 1fr 1938.

Cover to M. L'Administrateur General du Petit Marseillais, Marseille cancelled "Secteur de l'Ouest" May 8, 1942, 3fr rate made up by 1.75 franc 1938, and the 1.25 franc 1939.

With these covers in mind, the list of post offices and dates of operation, as we have it, would seem to be slightly inadequate. But this is the information: known offices and dates when in operation:

St. Elie — 1930-1946. (This existed under the government of French Guiana before establishment of the Territory).

Secteur de l'Ouest — 1933-36

Secteur de Centre (Saut-Tigre) — 1934-1937

Secteur de l'Est (Epouein) — 1940

Port-Inini — 1943-1946

Cacao — dates not known.

St. Nazaire — dates not known.

First published in 1955 in the France &amp; Colonies Philatelist, this appears to be the only treatment of Inini ever written in our language.

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April 27-28—Lawton-Fort Sill Stamp Club, Public Service Auditorium, Lawton, Okla.  
April 27-28—Iowa Federation of Stamp Clubs, Sheraton-Montrose Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Cedar Rapids Stamp Club hosts.  
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Lot #	Scott #	Description	Ret. Price.	Lot #	Scott #	Description	Ret. Price.
487 *	1943-1944	Airmails without "R.F."	Ret. 20.00	627	C2-7 VF OG		2.40
	143 Val. type Madagascar API	VF OG Design		628	NEW CALEDONIA #20B Superb double overprint in center of 2 half stamp extremely rare, used	40.00	
488 *#H	10 Diff. Colonies type Senegal	VF OG Rare	35.00		#40-58 VF OG .....	21.50	
489 *#H	1950 Semi Postals, Type Camerons	B29 Oeuvres Sociales 10 val.	Ret. 45.00	629	#41-100 Blk of 10 VF OG .....	5.00	
	"Deluxe" Souvenir Sheets .....	Scott below #206, issued regularly		630	#51-250 Blk of 5 VF OG .....	6.00	
490 *	1944 Postage 103 Val. without "R.F."	Type St. Pierre A23, A26 listed in Scott below #206, issued regularly	15.00	631	#64-100 Blk of 5 OG rare .....	50.00	
491 *#H	1945 Eboue 26 values type Cameroons	VF OG	Ret. 55.00	632	#65A-150 on 2c as above VF OG .....	50.00	
	"20-29" "Deluxe" Souvenir Sheets .....	VF OG		633	#66-87 VF OG .....	14.50	
492 *	FR. CONGO #18-34 F-VF OG .....	Ret. 18.00	634	#72A, double gold surcharge F OG extremely scarce	75.00		
493 *	#20-34 VF less 225, 32 .....	Ret. 13.50	635	#79A Fine OG rare stamp .....	19.50		
494 *	#35-49 VF OG rare .....	Ret. 12.00	636	#82A VF OG rare .....	20.00		
495 *	#53 VF OG rare .....	Ret. 35.00	637	#88-116 VF OG .....	8.00		
496 *	FR. CONGO 10c Parcel Post, VF OG	listed by champion .....	Ret. 10.00	638	#136-175 VF OG .....	5.50	
497 *	FR. EQUA. #2-10 VF OG .....	Ret. 3.25	639	#182-200 VF OG .....	10.50		
498 *	#166-84 VF OG #2-10 VF OG .....	Ret. 1.35	640	#201-202 VF OG .....	1.25		
499 *	#21-22 VF OG .....	Ret. 4.50	641	#203-294 VF OG .....	9.00		
500 *	#C21-33 VF OG .....	Ret. 7.50	642	#211-23 VF OG .....	8.50		
501 *	#C21-33 Imperfs VF OG .....	Ret. 3.75	643	#J1-3, 5-7 VF used .....	3.75		
502 *	FR. GUIANA #2 VF unused .....	Ret. 24.50	644	#6-10 VF OG .....	1.50		
503 *	#2B VF rare stamp .....	Ret. 25.00	645	#33-34, 36, 40-42 VF OG .....	3.85		
504 *	#29 VF OG, rare, signed, tiny thin .....	Ret. 65.00	646	#NOSSI BE #17, VF blue cancel .....	20.00		
505 *	#29, 31 Fine, Tiny faults .....	Ret. 4.00	647	#23 VF OG extremely scarce .....	200.00		
506 *	#51-86 VF OG .....	Ret. 2.25	648	#56 VF OG extremely scarce .....	125.00		
507 *	#109-151 VF OG .....	Ret. 3.75	649	OBOK #49-53, 57-58 VF used .....	5.00		
508 *	#192-200 VF OG .....	Ret. 1.90	650	#63 25c Superb OG rare .....	90.00		
509 *	#11-21 VF OG .....	Ret. 3.75	651	#J3 30c VF OG rare .....	15.00		
510 *	#128-160 VF OG .....	Ret. 1.75	652	REUNION #1 15c VF signed by "Gilbert" .....	650.00		
511 *	#128-160 VF OG .....	Ret. 2.75	653	slightly repaired as usual, very rare .....	650.00		
512 *	FR. GUINEA #105-115 VF OG .....	Ret. 2.75	654	#10 blk margin Blk of 6 VF OG rare .....	25.00		
513 *	#128-160 VF OG .....	Ret. 2.25	655	#249-67 VF OG .....	4.25		
514 *	FR. INDIA #208A-209G VF OG .....	Ret. 7.50	656	#C32-34 VF OG .....	4.00		
515 *	#212-229 VF OG .....	Ret. 2.25	657	#C42-45 VF OG V. Rare .....	8.50		
516 *	#JB-18 VF OG .....	Ret. 1.15	658	#CBI #1 VF OG .....	6.00		
517 *#H	FR. MOROCCO #22-87 Blks VF OG .....	Ret. 16.00	659	ROUAD #4-16 VF OG .....	2.75		
518 *	#90-115 VF OG .....	Ret. 2.50	660	ST. PIERRE #15, 16 VF used .....	3.50		
519 *	#120-123 VF OG .....	Ret. 6.75	661	#160-164 VF OG .....	6.50		
520 *	#124-141 VF OG .....	Ret. 2.75	662	#163, 164 VF OG .....	6.00		
521 *	#145-175 VF OG .....	Ret. 5.50	663	#324-42 VF OG .....	1.50		
522 *	#151 VF OG .....	Ret. 5.50	664	SENEGAL #71-72 VF OG rare .....	9.00		
523 *	#C11-20 VF OG .....	Ret. 2.25	665	#73 VF OG .....	3.75		
524 *	#B25, C32 VF OG .....	Ret. 1.65	666	SOMALI COAST #6-12, 15-17 VF used .....	3.75		
525 *#H	#B25, C32 Blks VF OG .....	Ret. 7.00	667	some faults .....			
526 *	#B25A Tete-Bache Gutter pair #F OG .....	3.50	668	#18 Superb used blue cancel .....	3.00		
527 *	#B25A 6 Tete-Bache pairs VF OG .....	3.50	669	#21 Superb used, rare .....	100.00		
528 *	#C1-1F VF OG .....	8.50	670	#25 50c Superb OG fresh, rare .....	100.00		
529 *	#C12-32 VF OG .....	5.75	671	#22 VF OG fresh small thins .....	60.00		
530 *	#CB1-10 VF OG .....	4.25	672	#22 Superb used, Rare .....	100.00		
531 *	#CB1-20 VF OG .....	3.00	673	#78 VF OG .....	4.50		
532 *	#CB11-20 used on maximum postcards (each card same view as stamp) .....	15.00	674	#248-266 VF OG .....	1.50		
533 *	V. Rare .....	3.25	675	#260-266 used VF OG .....	3.25		
534 *	#J6-9 VF OG scarce .....	4.50	676	SYRIA #9-10 VF OG rare signed .....	7.50		
535 *	FR. OCEANIA #72-75 VF OG .....	4.00	677	#173-185 VF OG .....	1.50		
536 *	#160-78 VF OG Block .....	4.00	678	#223-250 VF OG .....	23.00		
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540 *	#C11-14 Imperfs VF OG .....	4.25	682	#288-297 VF OG .....	1.25		
541 *	GABON #33-44 VF OG less #40 .....	2.75	683	#C1(2) 3, 4 on flown cover VF rare backstamp .....	35.00		
542 *	#44-47 VF OG north .....	2.75	684	#C7(2), 8-9 on flown cover F-VF rare .....	15.00		
543 *	#44-47 VF OG north .....	14.00	685	#C10-21 VF OG rare .....	19.50		
544 *	#44-47 VF OG .....	2.75	686	#C12-13 Blks VF OG .....	7.50		
545 *	#45-52 VF OG .....	3.25	687	#C14-17 VF OG .....	2.25		
546 *	GUADELOUPE #25-49A, 46E, 49C .....	12.50	688	#C18-21 VF OG .....	2.25		
547 *	#52A "1903" in black F OG OG rare .....	50.00	689	#C34-37 VF OG .....	2.25		
548 *	#54-82 VF OG .....	3.75	690	#C57-66 VF OG .....	2.65		
549 *	#96-137 VF OG .....	3.85	691	#C65-68 VF OG .....	2.25		
550 *	#142-147 VF OG .....	8.50	692	#C75-86 VF OG .....	27.50		
551 *	#185-205 VF OG .....	1.75	693	#C87-97 VF OG .....	1.10		
552 *	#J4 15c VF OG .....	2.00	694	#C89-95 VF OG .....	.95		
553 *	#J4 Horiz. Pair Superb .....	2.00	695	#C109-113 VF OG couple creased .....	2.60		
554 *	HAWAII #27-31 VF OG used rare .....	5.50	696	#C114-116 VF OG .....	3.25		
555 *	#28-31 J10-13 VF OG used rare .....	5.50	697	#C136-138 VF OG .....	1.30		
556 *	INDO CHINA #1 VF OG unused .....	7.50	698	SYRIA San. 39 VF OG .....	7.00		
557 *	#21-21 F-VF OG some faults or Perf. missing less #7, 9, 10 .....	21.50	699	TOGO #309-326 VF OG .....	5.00		
558 *	#210-261, B20-31 J4-82 VF rare .....	10.50	700	#C14-15 VF OG .....	5.00		
559 *	#210-212 VF OG rare .....	2.75	701	#C14-15 VF OG .....	3.75		
560 *	#B1-7 VF OG .....	1.45	702	#C18-20 VF OG .....	1.25		
561 *	#B20-31 VF OG .....	1.50	703	#B1-11 VF OG rare .....	15.00		
562 *	#J18-30 VF OG J24, 29-30 used .....	6.75	704	#B3A Error of color violet on buff VF OG V. Rare few known .....	50.00		
563 *	IVORY COAST #21-36 VF OG .....	21.50	705	#B4-20 VF OG .....	1.30		
564 *	#42-77 VF OG .....	7.25	706	#C109-113 VF OG .....	1.30		
565 *	#45-50 VF OG rare .....	2.00	707	#C136-138 VF OG .....	1.30		
566 *	#84-91 VF OG .....	3.95	708	SYRIA San. 39 VF OG .....	7.00		
567 *	#96-111 VF OG .....	3.50	709	TOGO #309-326 VF OG .....	5.00		
568 *	#112-151 VF OG .....	3.25	710	#C10-12 VF OG .....	2.25		
569 *	#B21A Double overprint VF OG rare .....	7.50	711	#C10-12 VF OG .....	1.25		
570 *	#B21B inverted overprint VF OG rare .....	12.50	712	#B1-11 VF OG rare .....	1.25		
571 *	#J1-5 VF OG Rare .....	6.50	713	#B3A Error of color violet on buff VF OG V. Rare few known .....	50.00		
572 *	#Q24-25 VF OG rare .....	8.50	714	#B20-36 VF OG rare .....	12.50		
573 *	#Q24-25 VF OG rare .....	10.50	715	#B47-52 VF OG .....	1.85		
574 *	#Q24-25 in prs w/ Q24-25 VF OG .....	20.00	716	#B54-72 VF OG .....	1.85		
575 *	LACIA #1-22 C5 VF OG .....	5.50	717	#B71A Perf 12½ instead of 11 VF OG rare .....	15.00		
576 *	#C8-9 VF OG C9 fault .....	5.00	718	#B71A Perf 12½ instead of 11 VF OG rare .....	15.00		
577 *	LEBANON #220-224 U.N. Imperfs V. Rare .....	35.00	719	#B80A Imperf Superb OG .....	15.00		
578 *	#C1-4 VF OG .....	4.50	720	#C81 VF OG rare .....	3.00		
579 *	#C33-35, 37-38 VF OG .....	7.50	721	#C10-12 VF OG .....	2.25		
580 *	#C36 VF OG tiny thin .....	8.00	722	#C10-12 VF OG .....	1.25		
581 *	#C75-78 VF OG .....	1.45	723	#C14-17 VF OG .....	1.50		
582 *	#C82-85 VF OG .....	3.00	724	#C15 VF OG .....	.75		
583 *	MAC 1-5 CARDS 1-10 VF OG used .....	32.50	725	#C15A Imperf. VF OG rare .....	7.50		
584 *	#7 VF OG tiny fault .....	6.00	726	#Q1-10 VF OG rare .....	3.00		
585 *	#48A see note after #621, Diego Suarez #248 used as 25c on cover paper V. Rare .....	15.00	727	#Q11-25 VF			



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**Many Inexpensive Issues Of France Can Be Specialized; Virgin Field For Research**

Raoul Lesgor

The time comes when every collector, enjoying his hobby sufficiently to continue it, realizes the hopelessness of trying to build a general collection. By this time however, he will surely have developed a liking for one or more specific countries or groups of countries. On any one of these, a start in specializing is the next step. By "specializing" I do not mean just limiting one's self to that country or group and trying to be "complete" according to catalog.

You or I will not be actually specializing until we go beyond what is listed in the normal general catalogs. It is only when we explore the charms beyond the bare list of stamps, that we begin to specialize.

But even one country often is too large an undertaking. Little by little, the genuine specialist will work onto a single issue — or even a single stamp.

For such a worthy effort, such employment, France is perfectly suited. In fact, no other, not even United States, provides such opportunities.

Of course, if one has the means, the 1849 issue of Bordeaux in 1870-71 are ideal. These stamps are beautiful; they are bright in color; very complex; and offer everything that a searching mind will consider worthy of study. Unfortunately, the rarer material is in the "museum piece" class now.

France's other early issues are more available; but even for these it is now a little late. No quantities of unpicked stamps are to be found any more.

Although large collections can be made with the 1853, the 1862, the 1863 Laureated Emperor, the 1871 Ceres, or the 1876-1900 Sage issue, there is unfortunately little that has not yet been discovered and written up. For a collector with an analytical turn of mind, collecting these would be like going through a revolving door on someone's else push.

To illustrate, let us take a few stamps at random.

No. 113, the 5 centimes green of the Blanc design, which started its life in 1900 and was in use in the 1920's, is known in at least five distinct shades; three different dies; has been sold in sheets of 100 stamps and in sheets of 150, with margin markings wholly different; exists in booklet panes; in coils made by flat plate; in coils made by rotary press print; precancelled; new plate compositions necessitating new or remade dies: shades changing literally from day to day; new sheet margin markings; and "a host of other variations too numerous to mention."

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Another inexpensive stamp of which I am now making a collection, is the 50 centimes Sower design with lined background, in its four colors, Scott Nos. 144 to 147, issued from 1921 to 1938. Of this single design there are four sub-types, each identifiable, each the result of an alteration on the master die. The shades are numerous.

These stamps were sold in booklets, and in sheets printed by both methods. They were issued in coils of 500 or 600 stamps, produced by both methods. Imperforates, part-perforated copies, stamps printed on both sides, stamps printed onto folded-over ends of paper, and many more varieties occur. Then there are color-trial essays in about a dozen colors. This is just a single stamp.

Examples like this can be repeated ad infinitum.

Some issues in which this wealth of interesting diversity can be found are:

The Blanc, Mouchon and Merson designs of 1900 and on.

The Sower issues of 1903 and 1906 on, in all their complexity, with both lined and solid backgrounds.

The Pasteur 1923-26 and other commemoratives of this same period.

The first engraved issues, 1927 to 1933 — still to all intents and purposes practically unknown, and completely messed up in all listings in France.

The Peace issue of 1932-39, all rotary press printed; and, I can assure the reader, full of pleasing surprises.

Then, for the modern-minded, there are the Air Mail stamps. Scott lists 37 varieties. With a half-hearted effort, I find over 50 — yet I have not as yet scratched the surface. To the regular airmails, we can add the semi-officials, the air meet stamps, the pioneer flights, the inaugural flights justly sanctioned and recorded by special cancellations; and the very early period of aviation history, 1907 to 1914, shown on the postcards and letters of those days. The modern airmails are extremely interesting; but even the Sanabria catalog is unaware of this fact listing them in a bare, dour way.

Let us, however, go back to our muttions.

Between 1900 and 1935 the demand for postage stamps had increased enormously. Flat plate production had been much im-

proved; but it still was not fast enough. In December 1948, three hand presses, working day and night to be sure, produced enough stamps of 20 centimes denomination so that every post office in France was amply supplied for months to come. That supply would not have been enough in 1925 to take care of one day's demand in Paris alone. More modern methods than the flat plates used from 1876 on and the Kelly type presses which were put into use later had to be adopted.

Since 1911 the French postal authorities had experimented with rotary press printing. The war in 1914 put an end to those experiments. They were resumed in 1919. In 1922 the first sheets of stamps printed in France by rotary press, made their appearance. During the next ten years, both methods of production were in use simultaneously. Thus we get, for the stamps in use during this period — sheets, booklets, coils, precancels, of the same designs and denominations, printed in the same colors by the two methods but distinguishable: new plate compositions necessitating new or remade dies: shades changing literally from day to day; new sheet margin markings; and "a host of other variations too numerous to mention."

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There are two designs — these appear on three stamps each. One pictures the start of the flight at Robertsfield, a portrait of Liberian president Tubman, and a group of Liberians. The other shows Idlewild Airport, N.Y. with the Pan American Clipper "John Alden", which made the first flight, landing. The plane appears in both designs.

Printing is the work of the E.A. Wright Bank Note Co., Philadelphia.

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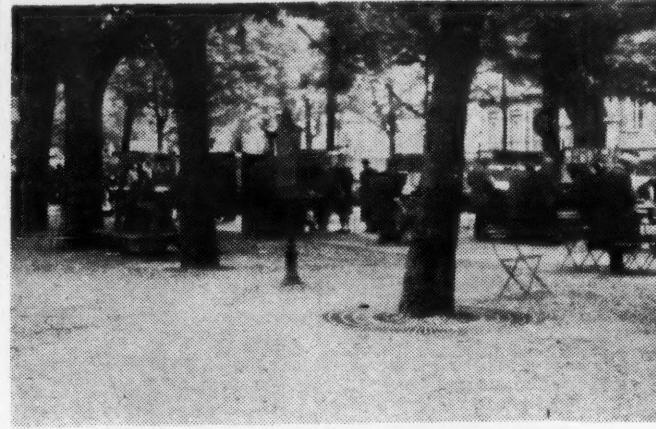
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A general view of a part of the Paris Stamp Bourse.

**Paris Stamps Market**

Tony Suter

When you come down the Champs Elysees you find it on the left, near the "Rond point", between Matignon and Marigny Avenues. It is situated on a shadowy walk, quite around the Marigny's theatre. Every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday when the weather permit, it is crowded.

For stamp collectors it's called "Marche aux timbres" (Stamps Market); or "Bourse aux timbres" (Stamps Exchange); or "Carre Marigny" (Marigny's corner); or "Foire aux timbres" (Stamps fair).

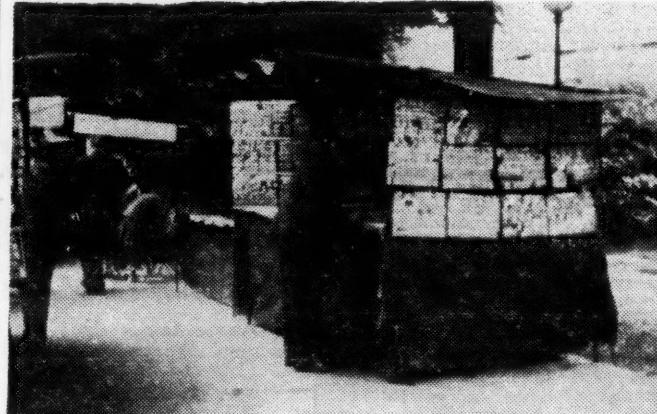
It is composed of two parts: the first and oldest is reserved to the exchange; it has existed since 1901. In the beginning this market was composed of stamp collectors exchanging doubles only. The second one is composed of dealer's stalls, as shown in the photographs. Actually there are more than a hundred. They are little dealers, the great part of them have not any shop in Paris or surroundings.

I am a fervent shopper of this market. I am not twenty-seven, and I frequented it when I was eight or nine years old. I know some old people who knew the beginning of the market when the collectors exchanged one stamp for one stamp. Now, and since a long time ago, the base is the value by the catalogue.

There you can see the fluctuation of stamps in the time. During some months an emission or a country is researched by everybody, and the next year the market is full of it. I like this meeting very much, because even though if I didn't buy anything, I can talk about stamps with anybody.

Every foreigner who stays for a few days in Paris (if it is a stamp collector, indeed) must spend some time in it between visiting monuments to see the stamps Paris "Mood".

You will excuse me because my English is very poor.  
(Editors Note: Tony Suter the author, lives at 127 Rue du Ranelagh, Paris 16, France.)



A close up of the stalls on the Paris bourse.

**France Toujours  
Of French India**

Much has been written on the Free French stamps. But there is one issue which all the catalogs, and in particular that of Yvert & Tellier-Champion, do not mention despite its unquestionably official origin. (Scott mentions this issue only in a note after No. 209 in the 1949 and 1950 catalogs).



The France Toujours overprint.

By courtesy of one of our correspondents, we now are able to give all exact information about these stamps. The surcharging of them marks the faith of a handful of French people in the future of France.

The postal administration of French India, at the request of the Minister for Colonies, has had printed a report of the surcharged issues which appeared in the years 1941, 1942 and 1943. From this report, is taken the section about these "France Toujours" stamps.

**Stamps With Surcharge  
"France Toujours".  
(One issue only.)**

By government order of March 6, 1943, there was approved the surcharge "France Toujours" on the following stamps of the older issues of French India:

## a). Ordinary stamps:

- 200 stamps of 2 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 3 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 6 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 12 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 15 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 18 cahes (1).

- 200 stamps of 20 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 1 fanon.
- 200 stamps of 1 fanon 2 cahes (2).

- 200 stamps of 1 fanon 6 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 1 fanon 12 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 1 fanon 16 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 2 fanons 12 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 6 fanons 6 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 1 roupie.
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- 200 stamps of 3 roupies.
- 200 stamps of 5 roupies.

## b). Stamps of the 1937 International Exposition:

- 200 stamps of 8 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 12 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 16 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 1 fanon 12 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 2 fanons 12 cahes.

## c). Stamps of the New York 1939 Exposition:

- 200 stamps of 1 fanon 12 cahes.
- 200 stamps of 2 fanons 12 cahes.

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(1) Really there were two stamps of 18 cahes surcharged, 100 copies only of each: 18 cahes red and bright red and 18 cahes on 30 centimes red and black.

The red surcharge on the 18 cahes was practically invisible on this red stamp: only 100 copies were thus overprinted. To complete the 200 copies, the 18 cahes on 30c was used. Thus the set include 27 stamps instead of the 26 mentioned in the notice.

(2) The 1 fanon 3 cahes is really meant.

The surcharge was applied in red on 21 stamps — in blue on the following six—

Ordinary stamp: 1 fanon

Exposition of 1937: 8 cahes, 16 cahes, 1 fanon 12 cahes.

New York Exposition: 1 fanon 12 cahes.

No complete unused set exists.

Collectors who had the good luck to be able to secure the "France Toujours" stamps, hastened to have them cancelled on a cover so as to guarantee their authenticity by the dated postmark. Unused stamps are few in number, and certain values can not be priced in that state.

It can be stated that the "France Toujours" series is one of the rarest in a collection of France and Colonies. No doubt, if some day the complete set, on cover, is put a public sale, it will go for over a half million francs.

(This article, published in France & Colonies Philatelist of January-February 1951, is here presented again to the wider audience reading Linn's).

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1957 is the Golden Anniversary year of the Boy Scout movement, and the Jamboree, to coincide with this event, appropriately will be held in England this summer. The founder of this great worldwide organization was the British General and hero of the Boer War, Lord Baden-Powell. In addition to Great Britain, a dozen countries or more will philatelically honor the Scouts this year.

Already, Brazil, Cuba, Curacao, Finland, Korea, Nicaragua, Persia and the Philippines have released their special commemoratives and many collectors here and abroad have joyfully pounced on this interesting new topic. While the Golden Anniversary adhesives offer a virgin field, indeed Scout stamps have been a highly popular topic for more than a decade. As a result, most of the pre-1957 Scout issues are quite hard to find and will become even harder to locate now that more and more new "aficionados" join in the hunt.

Two of the most difficult and expensive items are in the Commonwealth field; one very recent, the other the very first Scout issue. Regular readers of this column will recall our tip to obtain last year's two Egyptian Pan-Arab Jamboree souvenir sheets as quickly as possible, mint or preferably with first day postmarks. As we predicted, these scarce sheets have risen sharply and should eventually settle in the \$60 to \$75 range.

The earliest Scout set, and this one is missing in just about every Scouting collection, is Cape of Good Hope Scott Nos. 178-180, the final "Siege of Mafeking" issue. There is some room for argument whether No. 178 should properly be considered a Scout stamp, but there isn't any doubt that Nos. 179 and 180, showing the originator of the idea, qualify fully. It is reported that Queen Victoria was quite miffed when shown these stamps as she considered it the British sovereign's prerogative to be depicted on the stamps of the Empire, rather than a Sergeant-Major or a then rather obscure General.

Although initially regarded as little more than war souvenirs, these stamps were actually valid for postage in Mafeking and are therefore entirely legitimate. The catalogue quotations, whether Scott, Gibbons, Yvert-Tellier or Michel, are quite meaningless as all three values are virtually unobtainable regardless of price. True, an isolated copy will be offered for sale now and then, but there is no regular dependable source of supply. This is equally true of mint and used copies and if you ever encounter one, for heaven's sake grab it and don't worry about the price. It is impossible to overpay for these stamps! If you should ever find any of them on a cover, hock the family silver, but don't let it get away.

The record price ever paid for a 20th century colonial stamp was reached at a recent H. R. Harmer sale in London. A mint copy of Straits Settlements, Scott No. 146 brought \$3360. A dealer purchased it, undoubtedly for a specific client as this is hardly the kind of a stamp that a professional will buy at such a price just to put it away in his safe until a customer comes along.

The 10 Rupee stamp included in Pakistan's Republic Day set of three values issued on March 23 constituted a great surprise. Pak-

istan has never issued any high-value commemoratives before, although her regular postage issues include denominations up to 25 Rupees.

Although the date of issue of the new se-tenant Canadian Sports stamps was known in advance to be in 1957, the "hidden" date usually incorporated on Canadian stamps is, in each of the four designs, given as 1956. Can you spot it? It is not believed that a correction is planned.

Egyptian specialists have years of research ahead of them to untangle the varied postal history events which resulted from last October's brief military action. Not only British, French and Israeli Field and civilian post offices on Egyptian soil will have to be studied, but the United Nations Emergency Force's postal facilities will form an exciting chapter. Although small and with duties that are only vaguely defined, this "army" consists of soldiers of almost a dozen different nationalities! Each national group has its own method of handling mail to and from home and uses of special postmark. This is a field which really tests the mettle of the research specialist. It would not involve the outlay of much money, but will require endless patience and multi-lingual correspondence with collectors of similar interests.

Not only the UN's own stamps are being avidly collected everywhere, but foreign stamps in honor of the world organization also are developing into a major topic. Covers sent by members of the UNEF in Egypt would very definitely fit into such a topical collection.

Amongst others, a Finnish APO is now operating in Egypt and its special single-ring obliterator, 35mm in diameter, shows the Finnish lion with date underneath. The lettering reads: YK. SUOMEN KOMPANIA—COMPAGNIE MILITAIRE NU. The difficulty is forming a comprehensive collection of such covers is readily apparent from the fact that the Finnish unit is **only a Company**, about 200 men. The amount of mail that these young conscripts send to their homeland cannot be large, although it is quite possible that some enterprising Helsinki dealer has arranged to have some strictly philatelic covers sent through.

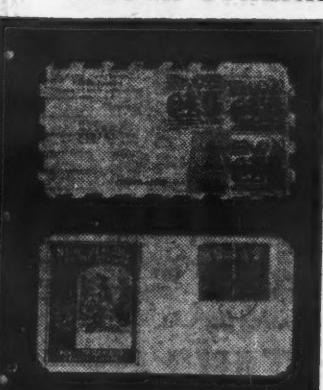
Incidentally, we believe that all Finnish troops are at Sharm-el-Sheik, the former Egyptian strongpoint guarding the Straits of Tiran, entrance to the much-discussed Gulf of Aquaba. The Finns are reported to have put into operation a "Sauna", their famous native steam-bath, although we are unable to figure out the need for such a contraption in the steaming heat of the Sinai desert.

A new stamp-issuing country is about to make its debut: The oil-rich Persian Gulf Sheikdom of **QATAR** which will have a full range of British stamps ½d to 10/-, suitably overprinted. These surcharges will also alter the currency which is the Indian rupee, as in all British-protected areas in that vicinity. The lower values will already show the new Indian decimal unit, the "naye paisa".

The same new overprints have also been issued for Bahrain and Muscat, but not yet for Kuwait which may possibly foreshadow a definite set for Kuwait rather than further overprints. All of the afore-mentioned states may not be widely known, but they rank with the world's key spots in the "cold war". Overseas mail posted during the period of the recent Eisenhower-MacMillan talks received a special purple cachet "THE BERMUDA TALKS 1957". The growing number of collectors who are forming "Ike" topical collections should go after this one without delay!

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Hofoc Stamps, 550 44th St., Des Moines 12, Iowa announces that in the past few months the firm was able to make some sizeable purchases of Israel stamps and this material is now offered via a list now available at 50c per copy. Offered are mint and used singles, plate blocks, first day covers, and stamp with the tabs.

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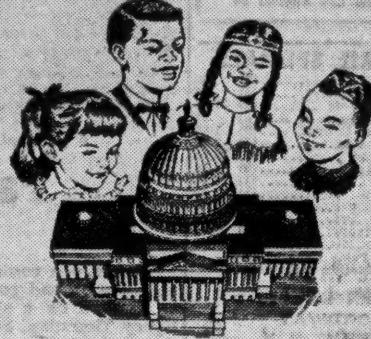
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Also in the works is a 5½d regular, according to Maj. R.C. Dettman of Wembley, Australia. No details as to design or release are known. However because there is a use for this denomination it is expected soon as production makes it possible.

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Also being put into operation is an Exchange Service through which duplicate covers can be exchanged and hard-to-get covers located. AFDCS President Jack Pomerantz has appointed E. Das, Haworth, N. J., Exchange Manager.

FIRST DAYS, a bi-monthly magazine, is the official publication of the AFDCS. Every issue contains news, articles and features about first day covers. A membership directory, which lists the names and addresses of all members, is published annually.

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**Denmark Notes 150th Year Of Its Museum**

Denmark on May 15 will celebrate the 150th year of the National Museum with a set of two stamps. They will be in the usual commemorative size of that nation and are to be produced from engraved plates.



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The trio will have a common design, that of the North Cape, which has been one of the most popular tours the country offers. This takes visitors to the Arctic Circle at Norway's northernmost point.

The North Cape has appeared previously on Norwegian stamps — Scott Nos. B1-3, B9-10, B28-30, and B54-56. All have been issued to raise funds for the Tourist Assn.

Designs and colors are 25 ore plus 10 ore green, 35o plus 15o red and 65o plus 25o blue. Printing is on unwatermarked paper in sheets of 100 by photogravure at the firm of Emil Moestue A/S of Oslo.

Face of the set is 1.75 Kroner which amounts to 25c U.S. currency.

Payments in the form of international money order, bank draft, certified check or currency (currency should be registered) only are accepted. Send orders for the stamps to Postverkets Frimerke-salg til Samlerne, Oslo, Norway. Include a sufficient sum for return postage.

Airmail to Norway costs 15c per half ounce, or 8c per ounce surface mail.

First day covers will be available from a collectors group which has a cacheted envelope and the facilities to mail them from the North Cape post office. However, orders must be received by them on May 2 for servicing which means airmail at 15c per half ounce.

The cachet was designed by Johannes Haukland. Each cover will have the name and address typed on, and will contain the set of three semipostals. FDC's will be protected by an outer cover when forwarded to the purchaser.

Payments and request for the covers are to be made to the Det norske Postmannslag, Østerfjells krets, Oslo, Norway. Payments are accepted in the form of international money order, currency (to be registered) or bank drafts made out to this organization. The name and address to be affixed to the cover must be included.

Each cover will cost 40c U. S. currency.

**Sport Themes On Four Due May 14**

May 14 is the day of issue for the fourth edition of Sports stamps by Liechtenstein. This series was begun in 1954 and has had a set of four each year, the design showing a different type of athletic endeavor.

In 1954 the stamps showed various aspects of the game of soccer. The 1955's were devoted to skiing and mountain-climbing. Field games took over in 1956. This year gymnastics provide the theme.

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Collectors will be able to purchase sets of the stamps at face value plus return postage. Each set will have a value of approximately 50c in U.S. currency. Postage added should amount to at least 15c providing small quantities of the stamps are ordered.

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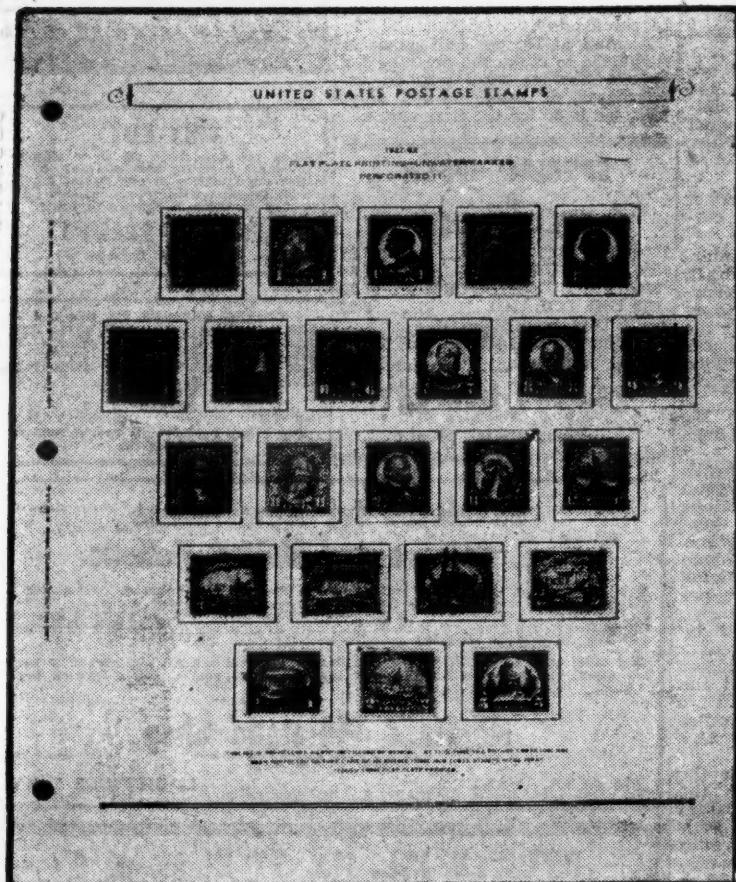
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Ira Zweifach

Often maligned and usually neglected, the three-design issue released by France for the Exhibition Year of 1900 deserves far more attention from the collector of French material than it is getting. Dubbed Blanc, Mouchon and Merson after their respective designers, these with their profuse color varieties, plate variations and printing methods, provide everyone, from the beginning specialist to the advanced student, with grand opportunity to build an informative and interesting collection with little cost and much pleasure.

The issue, a pompous study in obscure allegory and even more obscure social and political significance, is admittedly no artistic triumph. But what it lacks in artistry it more than makes up for in philatelic interest, each design abounding in the elements that warm the true philatelist's heart. Without going into too much detail let us see what these elements are.

First, "Design Blanc", delineated by Joseph Paul Blanc and engraved by E. Thomas (Scott Type A16). Covering the 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 centime values it symbolizes liberty, justice, truth, peace and fraternity. Depicting a winged female (liberty) holding aloft the scales of justice in one hand, the mirror of truth and the olive branch of peace in the other, it includes two kissing cupids to denote fraternity.

A large double oval containing the legend "Republique Francaise" surrounds this allegorical conglomeration, balanced by a wreath at the figure's feet containing the numeral of value. Below that in a small rectangle is the word "Postes."

A decidedly cluttered composition, presenting little or nothing to the art lover, this small gem manages to give the philatelist more than his money's worth. Its tiny surface offers much to those who will take the trouble to study it. "Design Blanc" may be found printed by flat plate or rotary press. It exists in three major dies, all easy to acquire and relatively simple to tell apart. There are a surprising number of shade and color variants, plus numerous other discoveries of a minor nature that await those who are prepared to delve more deeply.

To tell one die from another take a magnifying glass and follow this simple procedure. Look at the right side of the stamp at the point where the robe of the figure crosses the outer line of the oval. If the fold of the garment is shown by a single line of shading it is Die A. If the fold of the garment is shown by two lines of shading it is Die B.

Die C, the least common of the three, is found only on the 5 centimes, having been made for a booklet issued in 1906. It may be determined by examining the wing tips of Madam Liberty. You will notice that in stamps of Die C the left wing angles directly toward the corner of the frame and is sharply pointed. The right wing is rounded at the top, slightly separated from the frame and points toward the top line of the border. Although Die C is more difficult to distinguish than the other two dies, careful study and patience will make the differences apparent.

"Design Mouchon", sometimes called "The Rights of Man", was produced by Eugene Mouchon who also did the engraving (Scott Type A17). Embracing the 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 centime values, it portrays a seated La Belle France holding the French Bill of Rights (A tablet on which is printed "Droits de L'Homme") with one hand, and a scepter in the other. Although not so cluttered as the Blanc design, the stamp is ugly to look at. But, as before, it proves to be a little beauty from the collector's standpoint.

In addition to an unusual number of shades and color varieties, Mouchon also presents an equally unusual number of printing varieties, a circumstance largely caused by the original method of producing the stamps. As an expense saving device all the stamps of the Mouchon design were printed at first from one plate and the numerals added afterward by a second operation.

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The printing of type two began on September 15, 1906, and continued to February 2, 1907. 500 million copies were issued. But once again the impressions had been deemed unclear. On October 24, 1906, orders were given to make new retouches. Attempts were made to do so on the plates themselves but it proved impossible to strengthen the lines consistently. It was decided once again to begin from scratch.

## The Sower With Heavy Lines

A new die was prepared by the printing office from the original die of the lined Sower. On this version, the lines that had been merely suggested by Mouchoir in his retouches of the thin line type were greatly strengthened. The lettering throughout was made much heavier. Printings from the plates created from this die began on January 22, 1907 and continued through 1921, an exceedingly long life for any stamp. It was from this heavy-line version that all the subsequent values of the Sower issues, but one, were derived.

Strangely, however, the ten centimes value with which we are concerned, though printed as early as January, was not released to the public until September 1907. The 5 centimes value, printed from March 5, appeared first.

The stamp is listed by Yvert and Tellier as No. 138. Scott, erroneously, lumps both the thin and heavy line versions under number 162, though it mentions the retouches in ambiguous language.

Imperforate copies exist in some number. None of these, however, have official status. They were, in fact, discontinued when postmen complained that their sale by private agencies was interfering with the small percentage of profit they were allowed to keep from the stamps they managed to sell.

In 1907 the heavy-line type was produced as a coil stamp. These were printed in sheets of 150 consisting of two panes of 75 (5x15). A vertical strip of six up to fifteen, therefore, incontestably indicates that the stamps are from a coil plate, (provided, of course, that they are not of the dotted "Q" booklet type which, since they were printed in panes of 3x48 may also appear in these multiples. A few such sheets of the latter were, in fact sold at post offices. Only three are known to have survived intact.)

The ink shades of the various printings run the gamut from a very deep, full red through the normal brick shade, which also comes as a very bright red in certain rare specimens, to a light orange which can be either quite sharp or extremely pale. The rarest shade, which is individually listed as a color difference in most French catalogues as well as in Lesgor, is the ink known as scarlet. There is no mistaking this very beautiful ink variety when it turns up. It is extremely brilliant. It "washes out" even the brightest impressions of the other inks when set against them. It was used only on a few sheets printed during the first weeks of the issue's existence.

Through the years, seven types of paper were used. The most interesting of these are a yellowish version, a thin, semi-transparent version and the famous "G.C." types of the late war years. G.C. stands for "Grande Consommation," or large usage. Papers of this type, used for this particular stamp in 1916 only, are of a poor quality, darkish tan and even quite

brown in color and very fibrous. They are much sought after, especially in large pieces.

## Coils And Booklets

The stamp appeared in three types in booklet form. Two of these, the thin line with Mouchoir's retouches, and the normal heavy-line type, are known to us already. The thin line booklet issued in 1906, consisted of two panes of ten in a booklet that sold for a 5 centimes premium over the price of the stamps (2 francs). This premium was not popular and was soon struck off the remaining covers being overprinted to that effect. Although these were put out after the Mouchoir retouches, the characteristic small red line in the cap does not appear. Entire panes of this issue are occasionally found without any tail to the "Q" of the word "Republique." These are not a plate variety but are entirely due to defective printing.

The standard heavy line booklets, first printed in 1907, were also issued in two panes of ten, which were printed in sheets of 240. The premium on these was lowered in 1910 and the leftover booklets marked down as explained above. Subsequent printings were sold at two francs and were so printed on the cover of the booklets. G.C. paper printings were put out in 1916. These were followed by a slightly larger booklet with a "chamois" or pale tan cover. A number of shade varieties of both types are known.

The most interesting and rarest booklet type however was that put out in 1918. It consisted of five panes of six stamps each, printed from plates derived from an entirely new die. The most distinguishing recognition point of the die is that the tail of the "Q" is formed, not by a line as in all the other versions, but by a small, round dot entirely separated from the body of the "Q" itself. The booklet was not popular and was soon discontinued, hence its extreme rarity.

We should also note the existence of privately created booklets with advertising frames. These were made up by various organizations, both commercial and of the non-profit kind. They are known with six stamps and eight stamps, taken from ordinary sheets and stuck on frames which carried printed slogans and were themselves perforated and gummed for use.

Booklets made up in this fashion had no official status. They were, in fact, discontinued when postmen complained that their sale by private agencies was interfering with the small percentage of profit they were allowed to keep from the stamps they managed to sell.

Like all French issues of the period, the stamp was printed from plates that contained 150 subjects set in six paired panes of twenty-five. The usual faulty impressions, broken plate varieties, offset printings and so forth are known. There are, however, some genuine type differences which should be distinguished.

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I must add here what I should have mentioned at the start. As with all French issues of the period, all types throughout were typographed, flatbed printed and combined.

There is a great deal more to the story. I have sketched in only the essentials and have not even touched the questions of usage, counterfeits or cancellations; (e.g., during the Great War a number of specimens were mounted to serve as emergency coinage and there was a temporary and distinct printing produced at Lyons). Neither have I had space to describe the several overprints. They are another story.

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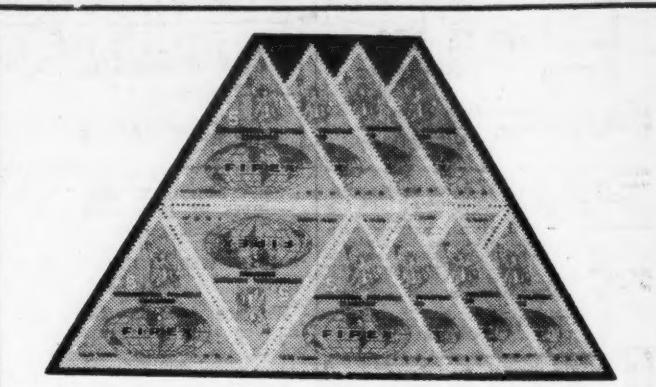
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**1948 - WHAT DID IT COST?  
Part IX**

We are now in the month of October 1948. Four stamps came out in this month. They are:

SC#971-3c VOLUNTEER FIREMEN—Dover, Dela. October 4, 1948,

23918 - 93,211 impressions.  
23919 - 93,212 impressions.  
23924 - 57,571 impressions.  
23925 - 57,571 impressions.

Total number of stamps—56,228,000.

SC#972-3c INDIAN CENTENNIAL—Muskeg, Okla. October 15, 1948,

23920 - 93,297 impressions.  
23921 - 93,297 impressions.  
23922 - 59,338 impressions.  
23923 - 59,338 impressions.

Total number of stamps—57,832,000.

SC#973-3c ROUGH RIDERS—October 27, 1948, Prescott, Ariz.

23947 - 103,439 impressions.  
23948 - 103,438 impressions.  
23949 - 36,800 impressions.  
23950 - 36,800 impressions.

Total number of stamps—53,875,000.

SC#974-3c JULIETTE LOW—October 29, 1948, Savannah, Ga.

23953 - 106,748 impressions.

It is not, therefore, unusual that this issue may be less common

23954 - 106,747 impressions.  
23955 - 59,525 impressions.  
23956 - 59,525 impressions.

Total number of stamps—60,000.

We were still going strong, in high gear, during this month, for after October there were still six more stamps to go, all of which came out in less than six weeks, or on an average of one new stamp a week.

The centering, as a whole, was well below normal during the 1948 issues in the last half year. Specifically, on the above four, to begin with, the Volunteer Firemen, the upper left and the upper right positions of 23918 and 23919 the perforations were high and very close to the design horizontally. A condition that was rather exaggerated and very prominent with the Volunteer Firemen was a brittleness of the paper, where the perforations were split in the middle of the plate block in the lower right positions of 23924 and 23925.

To a lesser degree the same symptoms also appeared on the lower right of 23918 and 23919. Although the ratio of impressions of the first two plate numbers over the last two were almost three to two, 23924 and 23925 were not much harder to find than the first two plate numbers.

On the Rough Riders, numbers 23947 and 23948, in the upper right position, were below normal over the other three positions. On 23949 and 23950 the lower right positions were hardest to get very fine or better. The lower left on the last two plates, 23949 and 23950, was not as bad as the lower right. The Rough Riders appeared to be one of the most popular attractive stamps of the entire 1948 lot, this in spite of the fact that it was not the most expensive stamp or plate block. Both the color and design were appealing.

Another thing that may not be known was that the original pair went off sale at the Philatelic Agency first, and usually the greatest burst of enthusiasm takes place when the stamp comes out. At that time more of these were used and circulated. The other two stayed longer and were eagerly purchased before the stamp went completely off sale. That is partly responsible for the fact that there are still a lot more of the last two plates in circulation.

The Juliette Low was rather nicely centered on the whole, except for the lower right positions of 23955 and 23956.

Almost nine years since these four stamps came out the Rough Riders is currently being retailed for from three to five times face value per plate block. The Volunteer Firemen runs from 25c to 40c per plate block, the Indian Centennial from two to three times face, while the Juliette Low sells for from 20c to 30c.

and more difficult to find to. The strange feature about the relative degree of scarcity of the last two plate numbers over the first two is something that is contrary to the figures or the number of impressions. We notice that the first two plate numbers, 23947 and 23948, had in excess of 103,000 impressions, while the last two, 23949 and 23950, had less than 37,000 impressions, or about a third. On the surface it would appear that the first two are common and that the last two would be very hard to find.

Occasionally you may find collectors, or part time dealers who may, on the basis of these figures consider the last two numbers scarce and price them out of line. In the ten years that I handled these stamps, it was evident that there were more of the first two numbers around but that the last two were not so hard to find as the figures would indicate them to be in their three to one ratio.

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